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TWO CENTS

CONSOLIDATION OF BOROUGHS TO BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION

Arguments to be Made at
Forum to be Held Tues-
day Evening

MANY FAVOR LARGER BOROUGH

One of the most important Forum meetings that has yet been held by the Chamber of Commerce, will take place Tuesday, June 14th at 8 p. m. in the Borough Building, when Borough Expansion will be discussed. The Borough Expansion Committee, consisting of Hugh Fergus, chairman, Tom P. Sloan, Chas. Speers, Frank Riva and Theo. J. Allen is arranging a program of unusual interest. Mr. Fergus will make one of the principal addresses of the evening, and representatives of North Charleroi, Speers and Fallowfield Township, the areas under consideration, for annexation, will be on the program. The committee desires to have both sides of this important question discussed.

This is a Chamber of Commerce proposition, in which many people hope will come a prior decision at the Fall election. A large attendance is desired at this forum meeting, so that the people may act intelligently on the question. These forum meetings are a kind of school for educating public opinion and both men and women are the pupils.

The population of the Borough of Charleroi is 11,516, the assessed valuation, \$4,243,170.00.

The population of North Charleroi is 1,931 and the assessed valuation \$550,535.00.

The Borough of Speers contains 435 people and is valued at \$215,500.00.

The consolidation of the above boroughs would give a combined population of 13,882 and an assessed valuation of \$5,009,205.00.

It is the unanimous opinion of the committee, after careful study, that it would be advisable to secure the consideration and that great benefits would result to all the boroughs concerned. On the part of the borough of Charleroi, it would be a benefit in that it would increase the size of the borough and would give it a better standing and reputation to the outside world. It would enlarge the limits of the borough and give more room for building purposes to persons who wish to maintain their residence within the borough. There are a great many persons who desire to build, but who, at the same time desire to reside within the limits of the borough. Practically all the desirable building sites in the borough have now been taken up, and the work of the housing committee of the Chamber of Commerce largely depends on an outlet for future building and especially where a group of houses may be built together.

If the Borough of North Charleroi and the Borough of Speers were to be annexed to or consolidated with the Borough of Charleroi, under the name of the Borough of Charleroi, a

large amount of unimproved real estate would be made available for building purposes.

The Boroughs of North Charleroi and Speers would be benefited in that they would have the advantages of the excellent public schools and High School now maintained by the Borough of Charleroi, and would also have the benefit and advantage of the fire, water and police protection of the borough, which they do not have at all now or at least to a very limited extent.

It would also be beneficial in that one central government can administer the affairs of the community much more economically and efficiently than three separate and distinct organizations.

That such a consolidation or annexation can be legally made, providing, of course, that the majority of the freeholders in each borough, is in favor of it, is without question. The matter will have to be submitted to the councils of the several boroughs for their action, and all the legal formalities will have to be followed.

It is the recommendation of the Borough Expansion Committee that the Chamber of Commerce take matter up and cause the proposition to be laid before the Councils of the Boroughs of Charleroi, North Charleroi and Speers and that such action or steps be taken as may be necessary to bring about a consolidation of the Boroughs of Charleroi, North Charleroi and Speers, under the name of the Borough of Charleroi and that steps also be taken to annex to the Borough of Charleroi such portion of Fallowfield township, as may hereafter be determined upon.

ELDERS CHOSEN BY FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

An important meeting of the members of the First Presbyterian church was held Sunday morning at the usual hour for service when four men were chosen for the office of eldership. Dr. J. K. Smith, J. S. Crawford, U. S. Orange and Lee Showers were the men elected.

Children's Day exercises were held during the regular Sabbath School hour when a varied and interesting program was presented before a large attendance.

Reports from delegates to the Convention at Canonsburg were presented to the members of the Young Peoples Society. The services of the day were brought to a close with a stirring and impressive sermon by Rev. Robert J. Shields on a theme taken from an incident in the life of John the Baptist.

Euchre and 500 party will be held at St. Jerome's Lyceum Tuesday evening, June 14 at 8:15. Benefit St. Jerome's church. Valuable prizes including a door prize in gold. Everybody welcome. Tickets 50c. 7-11

Read the Classified column.

CHILDREN GIVE A FINE PERFORMANCE

The Children's Day exercises in the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church were largely attended, many being turned away on account of room. The flowers were in profusion, and blended with the pretty colors of the children's equipment, the effect was most pleasing.

The children's choir, under the direction of John F. Bowman, together with the fine execution of Miss Margaret Gunderman at the piano, added much to the pleasure of the evening.

Exercises for both boys and girls alternated throughout the program, giving variety that was much appreciated. Special features were a drill of twelve girls under the direction of Mrs. George Leith, a pleasing nature scene under the direction of Mrs. Edwin McKay, a boys' presentation under the direction of Miss Helen Fleming, and a daisy drill which included pantomime work directed by Miss Elizabeth Elliott. An elaborate setting was given the performance including 27 girls directed by Mrs. G. M. Stewart. Their pretty banners, together with their marching, won praise from the audience.

In the absence of Miss Grace Gelder, Mrs. H. A. Williams and Miss Olive McKay had charge of the little tots, and their performances were very creditable.

The program was under the general supervision of Mrs. G. M. Stewart and Miss Elizabeth Elliott. This morning twelve large baskets of flowers were taken to the hospital by Joseph Bake and Donald McKay.

COMMENCEMENT AT CALIFORNIA NORMAL

The commencement season is now on in full swing at the California Normal School, and will end Wednesday evening with the alumni dance. The class play was held Friday evening; the baccalaureate services were held on Sunday, and this evening the piano recital will take place, a fine program having been arranged for the event. Tuesday will be given over to class day, with the literary contest in the evening. Commencement day is Wednesday, beginning at 9:30 o'clock, at which time the commencement address will be delivered by Lee Francis Lybarger, the exercises closing with the awarding of diplomas by the Principal John A. Entz.

In the afternoon the alumni ball game will take place, also the annual alumni business meeting, the alumni banquet and closing with the alumni dance.

Read the Classified column of the Mail.

METHODISTS OBSERVE CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day at the First Methodist church was observed Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Even before the closing of the Sunday School it was evident that the capacity of the large auditorium would be taxed, and by the time the exercises began the room was over crowded with chairs in all available space.

The decorations were most beautiful, the chancel, choir loft and windows were bowered with roses, daisies and evergreens in profusion, making a veritable delight to the eye.

The program was given by the beginners and juniors of the school, all with bright, smiling, happy faces and it is needless to say that they did their parts well.

The beginners in songs, recitations and exercises showed some fine beginnings.

The Juniors had excellent spirit in their work, three of their songs with exercise, were quite good.

The lullaby song by two little girls just before the baptism of infants was fitting, when eight or nine of them were baptised and placed "under the blood" to be kept unconsciously, perhaps, until the crowning time.

The exercises would not be complete without an offering which goes to the church Board of Education, the money being loaned to worthy students without interest, and they return it as they are able so that it may be loaned to others, thereby widening its influence almost like perpetual motion.

It has been said that Methodism does not stand for education but the offerings of these days show a helping hand.

The Rockefeller Foundation in a recent report shows that of the twenty ranking colleges and universities of the United States the three first in efficiency are Methodist and they are De Pauw and North Western Universities, and Allegheny College.

The program closed with a motion song "Seven Little Sunbeams" and a song by the school.

MICHAEL ZIPAY POST IS MAKING PROGRESS

Michael Zipay Post, World War Veterans, held a meeting Friday evening, June 10, in the borough building and business with reference to the membership campaign taken up. President James J. Reardon appointed a committee to canvass the entire town and the district from Roscoe to Lock Four, in order to encourage former service men to join the Post. He predicted that at the end of the campaign the Post would be one of the largest former service men's organization in Washington county.

St. Mary's Alter Guild will hold a social Wednesday evening, June 15 at 8 o'clock on church lawn. Tickets 20 cents. 7-13

PLAYGROUNDS ARE ASSURED FOR THE YOUTH OF CHARLEROI

GAS EXPLOSION DID SOME DAMAGE

The fire department answered a call about 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, to Eighth and Railroad streets. An occupant of a house in that locality was hunting a gas leak, with a lighted match and found it. The explosion which resulted did some damage to the house, a considerable quantity of plastering being knocked down, but the fire was of little consequence. The department was promptly on the scene and took care of the blaze.

ELLSWORTH NO. 1 RESUMES IN FULL

Mine No. 1 of the Ellsworth Collieries resumed operations this morning after being idle since last March. Orders to this effect were issued a few days ago, and workmen were busy this morning in getting the plant in shape for resumption in full. It is expected that about five hundred men will be given employment, it being the intention of the company to employ all the married men on their rolls first and then if any additional help is needed to take on single men.

The coal after being mined, will be crushed and washed, and then shipped to Buffalo, where it will be used to "fire" the two-million dollar by-product plant recently constructed by the Lackawanna Steel company. While no statement has been made by the company, it is strongly intimated that the days of the beehive ovens at Ellsworth are practically numbered. The success of other by-product plants has shown to all coke producers the fact that millions of dollars worth of values have been wasted on the past and it now seems to be the intention of coal owners and producers to save the wealth that has heretofore been destroyed.

PASTOR RESIGNS AFTER FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE

A meeting of the Pittsburg Presbyterian is to be held at the Racoon Presbyterian church, Midway on Tuesday, at which time the Rev. Greer M. Kerr, who has been the pastor of the church for half a century, will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination. Rev. Mr. Kerr has resigned his charge, having notified his congregation on Sunday of his intention to do so. The church was organized in 1778 and Dr. Kerr is the fourth pastor to serve the congregation. A splendid program has been arranged for the occasion, and it is expected that the attendance will be very large. The Rev. Mr. Kerr is a cousin of Frank McIlvaine of Charleroi.

Special Meeting of Boy Scouts Troops One and Three of the Boy Scouts will hold a special meeting at the high school building at 7 o'clock p. m. Monday, to make preparations for the camping trip. By order of the Scout Master.

Order has Been Placed for
Equipment and Payment
Has been Guaranteed

TWO LOCATIONS SELECTED

The matter of providing playground facilities for the children of Charleroi, has during the past week or so, assumed very satisfactory form. The committee having this in charge has been working earnestly for some time in an effort to devise ways and means whereby the venture might be successfully financed. The prevailing depression in the commercial world militated against the undertaking, but the committee persisted, with the result that, from present indications, suitable playgrounds properly supervised, will be an assured fact of the early future. This announcement will be welcome news to the children of the borough, as well as to those who are interested in community welfare. Several sites for the location of playgrounds were considered. These were examined by different members of the committee, but most of them were deemed unsuitable for the purpose intended. While the establishment of playgrounds, for the present season, at least, seemed to all outward appearances to have been lost sight of, such was far from the truth. Earnest efforts have been, and will be put forth by the playgrounds committee, all of whose members are deeply interested in the success of the undertaking.

The action of the Borough Council, at its last meeting, in appropriating \$400.00 for the purchase of material, was as a ray of sunshine to the members of the playgrounds committee, and it is anticipated that the Board of Education, which is always interested in matters pertaining to the welfare of the children of our schools, will, at tomorrow evening's meeting, take action favoring substantial aid for the project. Some of our local fraternal organizations have already made contributions to this fund, and others, it is expected will do so. Aid will also be asked from the different churches and Sunday schools, while voluntary contributions will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged. Considerable money will be needed to meet the season's expenses, and, among the many suggestions made regarding the raising of funds, that of holding a Tag Day seems to meet with general approval. One thing is reasonably sure, the children of Charleroi will be provided with playgrounds and that right soon.

With the assurance from the Borough Council, and in anticipation of favorable action on the part of the Board of Education, the playgrounds committee, at a meeting held last Thursday evening in the secretary's office of the Chamber of Commerce, placed an order with the Pittsburgh at the high school building at 7 o'clock p. m. Monday, to make pieces of playground paraphernalia. It is the intention to equip two order of the Scout Master.

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COYLE THEATRE

TODAY AND TOMORROW

Viola Dana in "PUPPETS OF FATE"

Wednesday--Robert Harron in "COINCIDENCE"
Children 11c Adults 22c

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**MAJESTIC THEATRE TODAY
AND TOMORROW**

"The Penalty," with Lon Chaney as "Blizzard."

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Wednesday, Norma Talmadge in "The Passion Flower"

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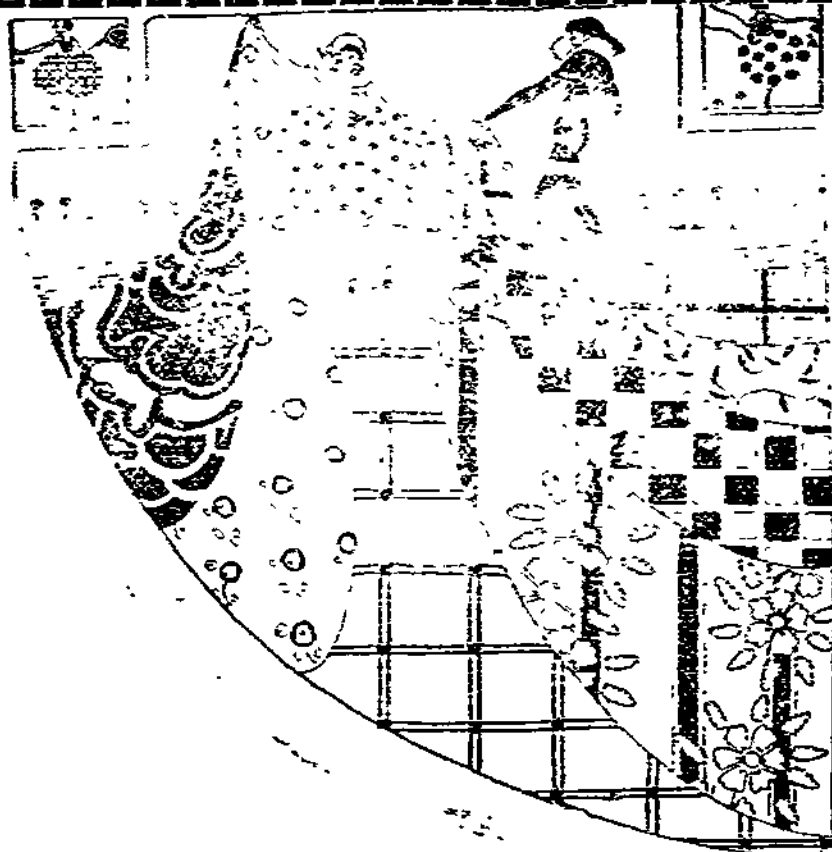
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36 in Beldings, guaranteed Taffeta, \$3.50 value, special per yard \$2.95
36 in Sport Satins for Skirts, beautiful patterns, Rose, Copen, Grey and White special \$2.95.



Special Middy Ties

A small number of these ties has just been received. You'll be sure to want one for your summer middy blouse. There are only a few of them in the colors scarlet, blue and black. Special Sale Price 98c

Clean-Up Sale of Domestics

We are offering odd lots of useful home necessities—extremely good values—at exceedingly low prices. When you see some of these domestics and compare prices you will realize how surprisingly low priced they are.

25 dozen Huck Towels 19x36 size, an extra good weight of towel, Special price 19c.
25 dozen Turkish Towels, 19x36 size—Special Price 19c
42x36 Pillow Cases each 23c
72x90 Bleached Sheets each 95c
Unbleached Muslin, 36 inch width, special per yard \$12 1/2c

Table Damask, an unexcelled value at per yard 75c
Percale and Gingham Bungalow Aprons—the housewife always needs another apron. These are priced during the Remodeling Sale at \$1.25.
Beautiful Filet Net Curtains per pair \$1.75.
Sunfast Draperies whose fade-proof qualities keep the windows continually fresh and attractive looking. Special price per yard 95c
You couldn't get anything more practical or good looking for porch cushions or draperies than this Cretonne, specially priced per yard at 23c and 39c.

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Charleroi, Pa.

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Pure Silk Ladies' Hose \$1.25 value 98c	Pure Silk Ladies' Hose \$1.00 value 75c	Pure Silk Ladies' Hose 75c value 48c
Boys' Play Suits \$1.00 value 89c	Children's Organ- die Dresses, all shades; 3.98 value \$2.88	Men's Good Work Hose 25c value 12c

If you would get all the news, read all the advertisements in The Mail each day. It means a saving to you

JOHN F. CURRAN SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

John F. Curran, county sealer of weights and measures, well known in Charleroi, who has been seriously ill at the St. Joseph hospital, Pittsburgh, has shown improvement now for several days, and it is believed the turn has come for the better. The attending physicians are much encouraged and say that if the improvement continues he may be able to sit up in a chair the first of the week. He is still a very sick man and it will be some time before he regains his former health.

NEWSPAPER MAN IS APPOINTED COMMISSIONER

Roy Haines, a newspaper man of Hillsboro, Ohio, has been named national prohibition commissioner by President Harding, to succeed John F. Kramer. The new commissioner is editor of the Hillsboro Dispatch and was one of the first Ohio editors to suggest the name of Senator Harding for President. He has been a factor in Ohio Republican politics for a number of years, and in 1912 was a candidate for the republican nomination for Congress.

IMPROVING PAVING BETWEEN TRACKS

The Westside Street Railway company began work this morning to relay the paving on Fallowfield avenue between their tracks and about 18 inches on the outside of the rails. It is the purpose of the company to replace about 900 feet of paving with new work laid in concrete, while a great deal of the remainder of the paving on that avenue will be repaired.

"BLIND BOGEY" AT COUNTRY CLUB

Members of the Monongahela Valley Country Club are taking part in a "blind Bogey" tournament on the golf links this afternoon. In this contest all players start on an equal footing, and a large number have entered. The golf course as well as the club house is being well patronized these days, proving that the venture is one of the most popular that has been undertaken in recent years in a section of the valley.

On April 30, 1813, the Vincentian Sanftiere burst forth in all its fury, opening a circular chasm over half a mile in diameter and nearly 500 feet deep. So awful was the discharge that Barbadoes, 100 miles away, was thickly covered with the volcanic dust.

Society Has Cheap Rent.
The London Zoological society occupies ground in Regent's park measuring 34 acres, for which it pays a little more than \$1,500 a year. The estimated value of the land commercially is more than \$500,000 a year.

Orange Juice.
Orange juice, freshly pressed out, supplies the best possible food for the sick room. There is not only the health-giving property of the orange, but a quantity of pure distilled water free of all foreign matter.

Providence Will Not Do All.
As a general rule Providence seldom touches a mortal any more than just that degree of encouragement which suffices to keep them at a reasonably full exertion of their powers.—Hawthorne.

It's Some Job.
Just how the movie censors can succeed in censoring the films without first censoring the audiences is what they are now trying to get through their heads.—Boston Transcript.

They Love to Do Their Duty.
An English clergyman has declared that it is woman's duty to dress just as well as she can afford. We have yet to meet a woman who is lax in her duty in this regard.

Court Plaster.
Court plaster is so called because it was originally applied by ladies of the court as patches on the face. It is made of silk, varnished with a solution of singlass.

Animal Muzzles.
Animals of the cat tribe are distinguished by their short and round muzzles, in contrast with the long and sharp muzzles of those of the dog tribe.

It's All in the Game.
It always strikes us as strange how much easier it is for a chorus girl than an assessor to find a millionaire's money.—Cleveland Press.

Jud Has the Right Idea.
Jud Tunkins says an idle life is compared with the blossoms of fancy without waiting for the fruits of achievement.

NEEDED COURSE IN WISDOM

In Ancient Days It Was Well Recognized That the Young Required Proper Instruction.

Instruction of the young by the old was not out of date when "The Wisdom Books" were written, according to Dr. Josiah H. Penniman, acting provost of the University of Pennsylvania.

"The people who wrote the Bible were very human," declared Doctor Penniman, and he illustrated this with many passages from the Scriptures.

"The book of wisdom told the people what to do, and most of the people needed it," Doctor Penniman said. "There were just as many wise as foolish men, and probably the average has been maintained."

Among Doctor Penniman's other sayings were the following:

"They offered money to Job when they knew he did not need it."

"He sure your sin will find you out," he quoted, and then added, "You know perfectly well a lot of your sins will find you out."

"The tongue has always been one of the greatest mischief makers, as witness where there is no whisperer contention ceases."

"I need not explain to that wicket with the eye fixed, sorrow."

"Sob stuff was apparently used in odder days, for Delilah said to Samson, 'Thou hast told a riddle unto thy neighbors, but not unto me.'"

"What does he get for it?" was asked of Job as it is today of those who get into the public view."

Doctor Penniman declared Job was the most ardent of the Wisdom books, and in some respects of all the books of the Bible.

WAS CENTER OF INTEREST

Student Quite Unwillingly Furnished Amusement for a Large Number of People.

While I was a student in college I think I amused the largest number of people it was ever my fortune to entertain at one and the same time. I know I came nearer to wishing to vanish off the face of the earth at that moment than ever before or since.

The morning schedule in this college consisted of four periods for recitations with five minute periods of intermission between classes. All classes were dismissed and summoned to the next class at the same time by a small bell opera of exactly like the ordinary door bell. This bell was installed in the entrance hall of the building where most of the students were gathered during intermission.

For the convenience of the students a telephone was placed in the hall. One morning the usual crowd of students was gathered in the hall, waiting for the signal to call them back into class. When it came, I was taking it for a telephone call, I hastily picked up the receiver and called "Hello." No answer—so I repeated my "Hello" louder.

By this time I had the attention of most of the students—they stopped their chattering and were intent on watching me wake up. It was a rude awakening.—Exchange.

With Remarks From the General.

While I was a lieutenant in the army at a western training camp we had a parade and divisional review before a well-known general, and I invited some girls to see it. We were marching along in a column of fours with another company on each side of us. We were to keep on this way until we got in front of the general, when we were to turn left and go forward. The command to be "Squads left." I must have been excited, for I shouted "Squads right," and, like good soldiers, my company obeyed. There was great confusion, of course. The general saw it all and sent an orderly to get me. When I confronted him I received some cutting censure. During the most heated part of his lecture I saw my friends standing at the fence not five feet away, taking it all in.—Chicago Tribune.

Bismarck's Unique Park.

Bismarck, the capital of North Dakota, is to be congratulated upon its plans for the construction of a historical park, adjacent to the state house. It is proposed to employ 15 acres, a feature being a replica of a Mandan Indian village of pioneer days, with other appropriate historical elements. This is an exceedingly commendable idea and its originator is to be felicitated upon it. In various museums Indian relics are preserved, but nothing is recalled which is comparable to the village symposium carried out as proposed.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Fads Hygienic Necessity.

As Walter Dill Scott suggests every business youth, on beginning his or her business life, should adopt an avocation, a fad, some outside interest, only less absorbing than his business, and should continuously cultivate it as a foil, a rest, a saving grace to his business. Provided this fad or unbusinesslike interest be not too narrow and one not too difficult and fatiguing, the recipe is fundamentally an important one for this matter of business hours as well as for personal hygiene in general.—G. V. N. Dearborn, M. D., in the Scientific American Monthly.

The First Thing.

"Started your garden yet?"
"No. Haven't located the neighbor who owns the tools I'll want to borrow."—Detroit Free Press.

BARKEEPS ARE NOW RUNNING DRUGSTORES

Dr. Lucius W. Walton, secretary of the state board of pharmacy on Friday answered the question of what has become of the bartenders and saloon-keepers since prohibition went into effect. They are now tending drugstores, instead of bars, according to Walton, who spoke before the Pennsylvania pharmaceutical association convention in Philadelphia.

The absence of a provision in state laws which would require a license for drugstore proprietors is the reason, Walton said. He urged such a provision be made. At present a license is required only for pharmacists, but a man can run a drugstore, sell liquor and other "medicines" if he does not put up prescriptions, Walton said. Many persons applying to Walton for permission to run a drug store have inquired, he said, where they can get permission to sell liquor. President W. J. Sturgeon of the association declared that "collusion of some dry agents and dishonest druggists was forcing honest druggists out of business."

Public Forum

Contributions under this head are the individual expressions of the writer, and for which The Mail does not stand sponsor. Communications are invited, however, on any and all topics that might be of general interest to the public.

"POP" HARMON COMING BACK.

Editor Mail—Back in the good old days, when we read poetry more and attended the movies less, we were told

"For of all sad words of tongue or pen,
The saddest are these; it might have been."

It is not my purpose to deny that there is an element of truth in this statement but if Whitier was living today, quaker though he might be, he would understand that for expressing pure unadulterated sorrow no more significant phrase was ever coined than, "They never come back." Given the talent to preach a sermon or write a book, I could draw sighs from your breasts and fill your eyes with tears by recalling men, women and events of the past that will never come back. And you would bear your breast and cry Woe is me; as these memories of days gone by came back in flood tide.

Happily there is no rule but what has its exception and it is of the exception, rather than the rule, of which I would speak. Oyez! Oyez! Listen! Give ear! "Pop" Harmon is COMING BACK for the California Normal School Reunion to be held on June 15th. Remember, as Casey says, the days when California Normal was on the base and foot ball map of Western Pennsylvania? Remember when the colors of W. & J., West Va., and Pitt were trailed in the dust of the Normal teams? Remember "Bull" McCleary "Tillie" Dewar, "Birdie" Cree, "Pop" Hayes, Leo Gibson, Elgy Tobin, Bob Coulson, little Jimmie Junk, Alex Gray, who has since passed to that undiscovered country from whence there is no return, and a host of others who made California Normal famous in those days? Remember who stood back of them, coached them, played with them, and instilled the spirit within them that would not brook defeat? It was "Pop" Harmon who always had a winning team and he is Coming Back.

Are you coming back too? I'll say you are unless you have completely lost the "rep" which animated you twenty years ago. And who among you does not feel as young in spirit as you did twenty years ago? Echo answers not one member of the Alumni nor of the base ball and foot ball teams which played with "Pop" Harmon.

It is going to be a great day, this 15th day of June. We are going to have a base ball game in the afternoon in which "Pop" Harmon and his stars will shine again. Perhaps they will not shine as brightly, run bases as speedily, bat as effectively, nor field as snappily as they did twenty years ago, but you won't beat them until the last man is out. Twenty years from now you may think of them as a team of "has beens" but you will never call them "neverwasers."

Not all of Harmon's boys are listed with the Alumni of the school, but it makes no difference whether you are so listed or not we want you to come back.
There were giants in those days.

GOT START IN BUSY CITY

Move for the Improvement of Horticulture Began in London Over a Century Ago.

In Piccadilly, in the center of London, the mother of gardens came into existence many years ago, according to the Christian Science Monitor. It was at Hatchard's, the well-known bookseller and publisher, in 1804, that John Wedgwood gathered his friends together and unfolded a plan to "foster and encourage every branch of horticulture" and to "collect every information respecting the cultivation and treatment of all plants and trees."

The founder of the House of Hatchard, John Hatchard, was in sympathy with every project that made for the good and enlightenment of mankind. It was a suitable place for this society, the mother of many affiliated societies, to begin its world-wide operations. The room where the first meeting took place no longer exists, as the building has been rebuilt since that time, but a portrait of John Hatchard still hangs in the comfortable lounge that forms the shop. The picture shows the intellectual nature of the man. The windows facing Piccadilly and the world's great street in London are placed in front of them carries one back to a time when the rush and noise of the London streets was less than at the present time. There is an air of leisure and other-worldliness that is very pleasant to those passersby who long to forget the hurrying feet and noisy sounds of crowded thoroughfares.

The society did not receive its royal charter till 1890, which set forth that its aim was the improvement of horticulture, ornamental as well as useful. Well has it carried out its resolutions.

SICILY'S MANY FAMOUS CITIES

Have Been Prominent in History Mainly Because of Geographical Position of Island.

Sicily, named by its admirers "L'Isola Incantevole"—"Island of enchantment"—is situated at the very toe of the boot made by Italy, and is included in the possessions of that country. It is a colorful island in old history. Before the Trojan war—fire kindled by the light of a woman's eyes—the Phoenicians sent colonies to Sicily. Syracuse, its principal city, is named by St. Paul in The Acts: "And landing at Syracuse we tarried there three days." Thucydides wrote of the great sieges occurring four centuries B. C. against Syracuse, placed, as one writer expresses it, for both war and commerce in the very center of the ancient world. Two centuries later the old mathematician Archimedes held at bay for three years the fleets and armies of Rome before finally capitulating and yielding Syracuse to its enemies. Messina, another city old in story, was founded by the Greeks more than seven centuries B. C. and is the chief commercial town of the island. Catania, a city of beauty with its palaces, villas and orange groves, is seated at the foot of Aetna, a volcano with a record of many eruptions. Palermo, the capital, is a most interesting city, facing the deep blue sea. In its great cathedral repose the bones of Emperor Frederick II, a ruler with an intellectual development some two centuries ahead of his time and consequently misunderstood.

A Generation.

A generation is a single succession in natural descent, the children of the same parents; in years three generations are accounted to make a century.

The term generation is also applied to the whole body of persons of the same period or living at the same time, as the present generation. The term is sometimes used with reference to the average lifetime of all persons or synchronous age. The historical average, or that of all persons who pass the stage of infancy, is commonly reckoned at about thirty years, while the physiological average, or that of all who are born, is only about seventeen years.

Pride of Performance.

"There's no pleasure in hard work," said Mr. Rafferty. "Mebbe not," replied Mr. Dolan. "Mebbe people has changed entirely. I can well remember when a man enjoyed bragging about how much he could do instead of how much he didn't have to."

Prodigy of Learning.

"Is Miss Gadder an intelligent girl?" "In bobbed hair circles she's considered quite erudite."

"Indeed?" "Yes, she can quote a verse or two of Browning."—Birmingham Ad-Herald.

Out of a Critical Range.

"They call a man a lame duck after he has been defeated for office." "Yes," replied Senator Sorghum; "but I don't know that he's due for any extravagant sympathy. It is often better to be a lame duck than one who is flying around to be shot at."

Travels by Airplane.

A South American banker, having business at many branches throughout Uruguay and Brazil, made a tour by airplane, and completed his work in ten days as against the three or four weeks necessary when he traveled by ordinary means.

World's Debt to Marco Polo.

Marco Polo was the first man to trace a route across the whole longitude of Asia. He gave the first accurate information on Tibet, Japan, China and the Orient generally. He hastened the adoption by Europe of the use of gunpowder and Indian spices which the East had produced. He was an innovator as a military architect and as a bridge builder. He opened the eyes of the business men of Europe and through them of the world as we know it today, to the possibilities of trade with the Orient. He knew at least three of the important languages of the East, and stimulated the West to a study of them. He described accurately valuable regions with which Europe did not really get in touch until the Nineteenth century, and this in spite of the fact that his explorations came in the last part of the Thirteenth century.

"Coffee Tree."

The Kentucky coffee tree would be an unusually good lawn tree except for the fact that it is very slow in getting its leaves in the spring. Where that failing is not allowed to score against it, it is distinctly worth getting acquainted with, for it is unusually free from insect pests or fungus troubles, and makes a clean, stout growth. The tree will ultimately grow a hundred feet high in good soil, and has long greenish-white flowers in large panicles at the ends of the branches. Following the flowers come pods which resemble those of beans, and which often stick to the tree through the winter, giving it a very peculiar aspect. In Revolutionary times the seeds in these pods were used for making coffee, which accounts for the name the tree now bears.—Exchange.

Find Many Uses for Borax.

Borax as a solvent for shellac finds extensive application in the hat trade. In tanning, both borax and boric acid are used for cleaning the hides and dressing the leather. In the textile industry borax assists in dyeing, and in some parts of the world boric acid is still employed in the preservation of foods. It is permitted in the salting of fish because such foods are soaked in water before cooking and most of the boric acid is employed for external washes and it finds a place in cosmetics. It is used as a larvicide where it is recommended for the destruction of fly larvae in manures for it destroys the larvae without affecting the bacteria which increases the fertilizer value of the manure. Finally, borax is a well-known flux used in metal working.

Men are fighting, rather easily today, but not over gold. We can conceive of no such wars or transfers of territory as occurred in South Africa after the discovery of gold, when the quiet content of a grazing country was transformed into a densely populated and highly industrialized mining region—though oil might effect such wars and such transformations. It is even more difficult to imagine any such sudden migrations as the movement to California in 1849, when the Scylla of the round the Horn trip or the Charybdis of the transcontinental trek had to be faced; or the spectacle of 40,000 men and women facing the rigors of an arctic winter in order to be ready to enter the Klondike when the ice broke in the spring.

Old Korean Legend.

The Koreans explain the reason why sparrows hop on both feet instead of putting one before the other, and the reason why flies run their feet together when they alight, in the following way: The sparrow and flies had a quarrel and decided to ask the governor of the Korean provinces to arbitrate the matter. He found them both wrong and gave orders to have them both whipped, and it made the sparrows jump up and down with pain, and the flies put their hands together and prayed to be forgiven. The governor forgave them both, but as a sign he decreed that sparrows should always hop and that flies should rub their feet together when they alighted.

As things appear to be going around in a circle when we are dizzy—our common sense tells us that they must be stationary.—It would seem that the fault lies in, or near, the ear—an organ which apparently has nothing to do with sight or feeling. Close to the ear is located the little organ which gives us our power of balance, permits us to walk upright without tottering, and, when properly trained, to assume postures which are distinctly outside the regular routine of our daily lives. Eccentric dancers, acrobats, athletes, and others have unconsciously trained this "balance wheel" until they can do strange things without, as we say, losing balance.

Gem Natural Thermometer.

It was a wonderful sapphire, so it is said, that led the celebrated Dr. Faraday to the discovery of the nature of the liquid sometimes found enclosed in the cavities of crystals. The gem in question contained a "tube-shaped cavity a quarter of an inch long and an eighteenth of an inch in diameter, which was so regular in its bore that it served by means of the liquid partially filling it, for a thermometer. The contained liquid had filled the bore at 50 degrees Fahrenheit, and completely filled it at 80 degrees. A study of the rate of expansion of the liquid led to the conclusion that it must be carbonic acid.

YOUNG GIRL'S DARING CLIMB

Memory of Heroic Deed Has Been Treasured for Years in Little English Village.

A daring climb was accomplished at Repton, in Leicestershire, England, some years ago, the exploit being kept in memory by a frayed fragment of cord that used to dangle from the cross-surmounting the lofty spire of the village church, and which was known locally as "Little Bessie's Rope." Bessie was the daughter of a Repton steeplejack who one day, in a spirit of bravado and in order to win a bet of a few shillings, undertook to climb to the top of the spire and there don a suit of clothes with which he had been presented.

True to his word, he fixed his ladders on the day appointed and climbed by their aid as far as the bottom of the big copper ball which upheld the cross. Over one arm of the cross he then lassoed a rope, up which he climbed, and afterward proceeded to don the clothes. Next, standing upright, he started to throw into the air, one by one, his old garments. Suddenly, however, there was a cry of affright from above, followed by a great hush below. The foolish fellow had somehow managed to loosen the rope, his sole connecting link with terra firma, and it slipped down and hung suspended from the topmost ladder, 30 feet below. Two or three men moved hesitatingly toward the church, but a child—woman of sixteen, his daughter, was there first.

Rung by rung she mounted until she looked no bigger than a doll. Then, after three failures, clinging meanwhile by one hand—and that one the left—she succeeded in throwing the noosed cord over the cross once more.

ALL SUBSERVIENT TO MAN

Process of Domestication of Wild Animals From Earliest Ages Is Interesting Study.

Man gained the dog by domesticating the jackal and different species of wolves, in different parts of the world and then by crossing or, by a more or less unconscious selection bred different varieties, until we have at present a chaos of intermingled forms. Something similar but on a smaller scale was true of the domestic cattle, according to "The New Stone Age in Northern Europe," by John M. Tyler. One kind of domestic cattle appears fully domesticated in the oldest lake dwelling. It is unlike any wild European form. This is the Bos brachyceros. It was almost certainly imported. Mingled with its forms we find those of the Bos primigenius, a native of Europe and north Asia, but apparently not domesticated. This is the urus, which was common in Europe in Caesar's day, and lasted in central Europe until 1000 A. D., and still lingers in Poland. This was a very large and powerful form with long spreading horns whose domestication appears to have commenced toward the close of the Neolithic period. It is not improbable that it was domesticated, or at least tamed, independently in different countries at quite different times. Raising of cattle was at its height during the bronze age; afterward the results seem to decline and the cattle to degenerate.

When Lying Hurts the Liar.

The most misunderstood form of lying is that known as "mythomania." In it the person who tells the falsehood does so without purpose, and sometimes with injury to himself. It develops from the fable-making of childhood, and, unless corrected early, will work great harm in one's life.

There have been cases of mythomania in adults that have baffled the best detectives. The victim has told things about himself that might be highly incriminating, and when questioned made use of his quick presence of mind to strengthen the circumstantial evidence against himself.

This mental disease often works harm upon others who are as innocent as the mythomaniac himself though he is as prone to tell flattering lies of himself.—Popular Science Monthly.

Guided by Light on Cloud.

In the night, when low clouds float in a thin veil above the river, where searchlights on battle-ships throw their beams upon them, a curious round patch of light can be seen on a cloud. Airmen flying above these clouds would also see the patch of light and, in clear weather, the long beams cast upward into the sky.

The suggestion has been offered that air-lighthouses should be provided with vertical searchlights of great power. Even in moderately foggy weather the light would penetrate the cloud of mist and be visible from above.—Popular Science Monthly.

Hint for Charles.

"Charley, dear," exclaimed young Mrs. Torkins, "I am convinced that Solomon's reputation for extraordinary wisdom was deserved."

"Why?"

"Although you read of his spending money recklessly you don't see any suggestion that he ever placed a bet on a race horse."

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